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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 20 October 2004, time for response to which was set to expire 20 January 2005. The rejection of all claims was maintained. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.